

**METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
OBTAINING ENDOLUMINAL ACCESS**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides methods and apparatus for obtaining endoluminal access. An elongate body is configured for insertion within a body lumen, conduit, organ, orifice or passageway, the elongate body having a working axis and a distal region, and an articulating element disposed near the distal region, the articulating element configured to articulate off-axis from the working axis of the elongate body. Methods of using apparatus of the present invention are also provided.

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